

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 3, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-16, 18-20 and 22 are pending. Claims 1-9, 17, 21 and 23-32 are cancelled above. Claims 10, 18-20 and 22 are amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Claims 1 and 24 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 16-22 of commonly assigned US Patent No. 6,554,571 (Lee). Claims 1 and 24 are cancelled above.

Claims 9, 17, 21, 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over commonly assigned US Patent No. 6,200,439 (Wei). Claims 9, 17, 21, 23 and 24 are cancelled above.

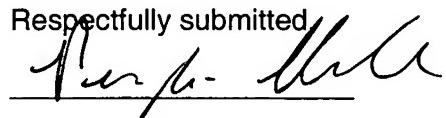
Claims 10-16, 18-20 and 22 were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of the base and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of original base claim 9. Claims 11-16 depend from Claim 10. Each of Claims 18-20 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of original Claims 9 and 17. Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form to include the recitations of original Claims 9, 17 and 21. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 10-16, 18-20 and 22 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted



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